

Holmes Junior College as well as several college hours towards her bachelor's degree.

Because of her love for people she worked tirelessly with the Civil Rights Movement as a self-appointed Civil Rights Activist along with other notables; Unita Blackwell the first black mayor of Mayersville, MS and Fannie Lou Hammer, to coordinate voting drives, community projects, and family assistance programs in her community. Viola and her mother also opened the doors of their homes to accommodate freedom riders in the delta when no one else was willing or was afraid to do so.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in posthumously recognizing Mrs. Viola Johnson Clark for her passion and dedication to serving Sharkey and Issaquena counties and desire to make a difference in the community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUROR PAY PARITY ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the District of Columbia Juror Pay Parity Act, which would require that D.C. Superior Court jurors receive the same pay as federal jurors. The importance of jurors to our system of law is driven home by the current trial of Derek Chauvin for the death of George Floyd.

Currently, Superior Court jurors are paid \$40 per day, and, under the Home Rule Act, only the D.C. courts and Congress have the authority to increase Superior Court juror pay. In the fiscal year 2018 omnibus appropriations bill, Congress increased federal juror pay to \$50 per day, the first increase to federal juror pay in 28 years. My bill would give Superior Court jurors the same pay.

Under the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–33), Congress took responsibility for paying for the D.C. courts and other state-like functions provided by D.C. The D.C. courts, however, have always been under the control of Congress, even when they were funded by the District. The Home Rule Act prohibits the District government from enacting any law relating to Title 11 of the D.C. Code. Title 11 provides that the Board of Judges of the Superior Court sets juror pay, but that the pay may not exceed the pay of federal jurors. Therefore, this bill, or action by the D.C. courts, is necessary to increase Superior Court juror pay.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LEADERS AND STAFF OF CONEMAUGH MEYERSDALE MEDICAL CENTER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the leaders and staff of Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center for

receiving the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval.

The Gold Seal of Approval recognizes the hard work that the team at Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center does every day to serve the people of southern Somerset County. The center provides outstanding treatment and care to all patients. The Joint Commission's Gold Seal is a testament to their outstanding work, and I am grateful for their service to our community.

To receive the accreditation, Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center was evaluated during a spontaneous, unannounced review late last year. Surveyors from the Joint Commission evaluated the staff's performance in a variety of areas.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the entire team at Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center on this well-deserved award. I am grateful for their work and commitment to providing outstanding medical care to the people of Pennsylvania.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF EUNICE MAE WILKENS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart on behalf of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District to honor and celebrate the life of Eunice Mae "Judy" "Granny" Wilkens. A lifetime resident of Concordia, Missouri, Eunice spent her 88 years on this Earth enriching her community through individual acts of service that filled her life with purpose and her neighbors' lives with blessings.

Eunice understood that one need not relocate to a big city to have a big impact, and her remarkable story attests to this simple tenet of service. In a town tucked between Sweet Springs and Odessa in the western half of Missouri, Eunice was determined to improve her small corner of the world through entrepreneurship, activism, and volunteerism. As the owner of Ye Olde Lantern Motel, she worked tirelessly to demonstrate the beauty and grace of her beloved town to those traveling through. When her community was in need, she happily volunteered to pitch in for the greater good. For twenty-four years, she was a member of the Concordia Fire Protection District, serving thousands of people across a 100-square-mile area who called her for help when they needed it most. After years of seeing veterans return home from distant battlefields still bearing the scars of war, she volunteered to be a member of the local V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary at Post 5649. Along with other dedicated volunteers, Eunice helped foster a community where veterans could share their wartime stories, bond over common experiences, honor the sacrifices of those who never made it home, and contribute to their community's future through initiatives like their annual Voice of Democracy scholarship competition.

Eunice's involvement with the V.F.W. and the Concordia Fire Protection District spurred in her a strong sense of political purpose and propelled her to become active in the Lafayette

County Democrat Club. When knocking on doors or making calls for local candidates, she undoubtedly carried with her the stories of those who had lost just about everything to an unexpected medical emergency, and those who had defended our country abroad but struggled to find peace back home. Perhaps closest to my heart was Eunice's work at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, where she volunteered as a braille worker. She knew that salvation and jubilation is not reserved only for the able-bodied. Through her generosity, Eunice helped those without sight envision the glory of God through her eyes.

Today, as I reflect on Eunice's beautiful story—a story complete with family, faith, and love—a story in which she and her late husband, Hubie, traveled all over the world and to all fifty states—I cannot help but believe that Eunice, in her daily voyages of selflessness and service, carried with her the lessons from the Sermon on the Mount. In a Sermon described by some as the most important one ever given, Jesus preaches to a mass of followers while standing on a hilltop overlooking the Sea of Galilee. Jesus describes service to God not as strict adherence to rigid principles or unforgiving laws, but rather, as a lifetime dedicated to loving and serving God's children on Earth. At one point, Jesus exclaims that those who are compassionate, forgiving, merciful, sincere, and humble will serve as "the light that gives light to the world." He then implores his disciples not to hide their light behind closed doors, but to let their light "shine brightly before others, so that the commendable things you do will shine as light upon them." With every act of kindness to a stranger, service to a neighbor, and compassion for a fellow Concordian, Eunice shined brightly. Just like the oil lamps that lit up the pristine hilltop towns of Galilee when Jesus gave his Sermon all those centuries ago, the light of Eunice's life illuminated Concordia and will continue to shine upon the people who call the town home. There is no doubt that Concordia was blessed to have Eunice, and our community will be forever grateful for her presence in our lives.

Today, my thoughts, and the thoughts of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, are with Eunice's daughter, Nancy; her grandsons, Kyle and Erik; her five great-grandchildren; and her several nieces and nephews, as they come together to celebrate Eunice's lifetime of illuminating service. We can take comfort today in our belief that she joins Hubie in perhaps the one place they never visited in their travels together. Madame Speaker, please join me in honoring Eunice's unique life and the everlasting impression that it has left on the town she so greatly impacted. Please also join me in offering heartfelt condolences to her family and dear friends. Madam Speaker, as we go forth into an uncertain future, let us learn from Eunice's example and serve as shining lights in our own communities so that we may deliver to those whom we serve the way Eunice served those whom she loved.

FINN LYNCH

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Finn Lynch for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Finn Lynch is a student at Three Creeks K-8 and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Finn Lynch is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Finn Lynch for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

HONORING COURT APPOINTED
SPECIAL ADVOCATES OF SAN
BENITO COUNTY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the indispensable advocacy of a Central Coast organization that gives a voice to some of our most vulnerable community members. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of San Benito County improves the lives of children in the foster care system by pairing them with trained volunteers from the community who advocate for them and stand by their side as stable adults they can count on as they go through the chaos of the foster care system.

CASA and its devoted staff and team of volunteers are guided by the needs of children in need of someone to stand by them and ensure they are not alone as they face instability, fear, and unfamiliar surroundings. Since 1994, the organization has continued to be the only local nonprofit of its kind that recruits, trains, and supports community volunteers to serve as court appointed advocates for abused and neglected foster children throughout San Benito County. CASA of San Benito County exists so that abused and neglected children in protective care have the chance to become successful adults.

Thanks to the devoted advocates and the San Benito CASA team, these children have a voice as they navigate a tumultuous system. CASA provides these children the compassion, clarity, and care they so desperately need. And it is because of CASA that these children and youth have the tools they need to go on to successful adulthoods.

Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize this treasured community organization that has protected and advocated for countless foster children and youth. I thank all of those who have given their time and re-

sources to help these children feel safe and succeed. I extend my gratitude to CASA San Benito's Board of Directors, Board Director Robert Marden, Executive Director Esther Curtice, and its devoted network of advocates.

ISAIAH JACKSON

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Isaiah Jackson for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Isaiah Jackson is a student at Mandalay Middle School and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Isaiah Jackson is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Isaiah Jackson for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassador for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE FORD
MOTOR COMPANY'S DONATION
OF 120 MILLION MASKS DURING
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the contributions of the Ford Motor Company during the COVID-19 Pandemic. On Wednesday, April 7th they fulfilled their commitment to providing personal protective equipment to those in need, surpassing their original goal of donating 100 million face masks. To date, they've donated 120 million face masks for children and adults distributing them to nonprofits, schools, state and local officials, first responders, and Ford dealers all across the nation.

Face masks that are manufactured in Michigan by Ford-UAW employees are protecting Americans in all 50 states. UAW workers have been coming to work in the middle of the pandemic to ensure that their communities are safe. From manufacturing ventilators for hospitals and providing masks to the areas hardest hit by the pandemic, to donating Michigan-made masks for the 59th inaugural ceremonies, Ford's dedication to safety has protected millions during this crisis.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking the Ford Motor Company and their workers for their leadership in combating the coronavirus pandemic. Workers at the Willow Run Assembly Plant heard the call of their nation during World War II, and now 80 years after being the arsenal of democracy, Ford's factories became the arsenal of health. Michi-

gan workers met the moment when normal production shifted to manufacturing the personal protective equipment and ventilators that this country sorely needed. Ford's #FinishStrong and Project Apollo initiatives have saved lives and I congratulate them on reaching this milestone.

IN RECOGNITION OF HUNTINGDON
ROTARY CLUB

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Huntingdon Rotary Club on winning the Preservation Award from the Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce. The award is given to a deserving group that restores, preserves and rehabilitates buildings and architecture to retain their historic character.

The Huntingdon Rotary Club has worked tirelessly to preserve the 1850 Pennsylvania Railroad Stone Arch Bridge located in the Huntingdon Borough. The multi-span stone bridge was once used by the first steam-powered train in Huntingdon. The club's preservation efforts included removing overgrown vegetation, adding a sign to memorialize the significance of the bridge, and beautifying the historic architecture.

The Huntingdon Rotary Club's dedication to preserving the community and its history is an important part of our community. I congratulate the club members on receiving this well-earned award and wish them continued success in their efforts.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY
MONTH AND HONORING NIKKI
FRIED

HON. STEPHANIE N. MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 8, 2021

Mrs. MURPHY of Florida. Madam Speaker, although Women's History Month recently concluded, it is never too late to honor Florida women who have made outstanding contributions to their community and to our country.

Today I rise to honor Nikki Fried.

Nikki was born and raised in Miami. She is a proud Gator, having received her bachelor's degree, her master's degree, and her law degree from the University of Florida. While attending UF, Nikki served as student body president and was a member of Florida Blue Key, the prestigious student leadership honor society.

Upon her graduation from law school, Nikki worked in the Alachua County Public Defender's Office, in private practice in South Florida, and then as a government consultant. In 2017, Nikki began her own government consulting firm to advocate for children and medical patients before the Florida Legislature.

In 2018, Nikki broke an important barrier. She was elected as the state's Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, a cabinet position, becoming the first Jewish woman ever elected to statewide office in Florida. As